

The Regular Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Monday, February 2, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes

INVOCATION: Given by Rep. Philip J. Giordano

“Almighty God, thank you for reuniting us on this day. We ask your blessing on this assembly, and pray for your guidance in the tasks we must perform. Please guide us and give us the patience and the wisdom to understand that when bad things happen to good people, like when a person is taken from our midst suddenly, or violently from a thoughtless act, it is not because they deserved it in any way.

Help us to understand and forgive.

Be our guide in all that we do, give us the wisdom to act wisely and sensibly on behalf of those we serve and love.

We ask this in your holy name, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Carmen L. Domonkos

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There thirty-nine (39) members present and one (1) member absent-excused: Rep. Ventura. The Chair declared a quorum.

MACHINE TEST VOTE: Conducted by President Carmen L. Domonkos. The machine was in good working order.

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MOMENTS OF SILENCE: For the late:

Robyn A. Cook, by Reps. Giordano and Loglisci;
Frank A. Dagostino, by Rep. Giordano;
Margaret R. Moavero, by Rep. Giordano;
Doris Davis, by Rep. Giordano;
Florence M. Wood, by Rep. Giordano;
Raffaella Iorfino, by Rep. Loglisci;
Diane Anderson, by Rep. Loglisci;
Myron Schacht, by Rep. Loglisci;
Alexander "Babe" DeLuca, by the 25th Board of Representatives;
Irene Bino, by Rep. Loglisci;
Blanche Bello, by Rep. Loglisci;
Mary Hollohan, by Reps. Fox and White;
Al Fusaro, by Reps. Fox and White;
Isadore Schact, by Reps. Fox and White;
Eric Price, by Reps. Fox and White;
James Troy, by Reps. Fox and White;
Jack Smith, by Reps. Fox and White; and
Alphonse C. Jachimczyk, by the 25th Board of Representatives.

President Domonkos announced that there will be a new procedure for voice votes. She stated that Corporation Counsel has provided an opinion that states the Board must record objections and abstentions to all voice votes. So hereafter, after a voice vote, the president will then ask those opposed to raise his/her hand and the president will call those names; the same process will be followed for the abstentions. In summary, the assumption that anyone not opposing or abstaining is voting yes.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STEERING COMMITTEE: Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the Steering Committee Report was waived.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Paul A. Esposito, Chair
(Report) Annie M. Summerville, Vice Chair

(Report)

Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room **and**
Tuesday, January 27, 1998 (Committee of the Whole)
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chair Esposito reported that the Appointments Committee met on Tuesday, January 20, 1998 and present were Reps. Esposito, Corelli, Fedeli, Fortunato, Mellis, Mobilio, Nanos and Summerville; Reps. Curtis, Boccuzzi and Depina were excused. The Appointments Committee also met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 27, 1998. Present were Reps. Esposito, Summerville, Boccuzzi, Corelli, Curtis, DePina, Fedeli, Fortunato, Mellis, Mobilio and Nanos.

1. A25.005	<u>Mayor's Cabinet/Director of Administration</u> Thomas Hamilton (U) Reappoint. 17 ½ Grey Hollow Road Norwalk, CT 06850 Term Expires: 12/01/01 11/19/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 12/16/97 - Held in Committee	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
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Chairman Esposito stated that Mr. Hamilton's appointment was approved by the Committee unanimously. Due to the need to waive the residency requirement, the item was removed from the Consent Agenda. Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the residency requirement was waived (Reps. Corelli and Drucker opposed).

Chairman Esposito stated that Mr. Hamilton appeared before the Committee and provided a list of accomplishments including the introduction of a new financial system, a general upgrading of technology, including 450 new PCs with Windows 95. Mr. Hamilton convinced the Committee that he was doing and will continue to do an excellent job, and the Committee voted 11-0 for his reappointment. Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, Mr. Hamilton was approved for reappointment.

2. <u>A25.007</u>	<u>Chief of Police</u> Dean M. Esserman 518 Tenth Street Brooklyn, NY 11215 Length of Term: 5 years 12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy 12/16/97 - Held in Committee	APPROVED BY MACHINE VOTE (38 Yes, 1 No)
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Rep. Esposito stated that with Mr. Esserman's appointment the residency requirement needs to be waived for no longer than six months. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Esposito stated that Mr. Esserman appeared before the Appointments Committee and the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Esposito's personal feeling is that he is an excellent candidate, he presently holds the position of Chief of Police for the Metro North Police Department, which is a Connecticut/new York metropolitan area police

department. His education includes Dartmouth College and a Juris Doctor degree from the New York University School of Law. Mr. Esserman has been the assistant chief of police in New Haven, has served as general counsel for the New York City Transit Authority and as an Assistant District Attorney for Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn. Chairman Esposito reported that Mr. Esserman spent two hours with the Committee and that he answered questions as honestly as anyone he has heard in recent years, and Chairman Esposito moved the approval of Mr. Esserman for chief of police. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he was disappointed that the mayor did not select someone from the Police Department ranks, as he feels there are several highly-qualified individuals who are familiar with Stamford. Rep. Zelinsky also stated that he received calls from constituents expressing the opinion that the new police chief should come from the Stamford Police Department. Rep. Zelinsky also stated he was concerned that Mr. Esserman has only been in police work for six years. Rep. Zelinsky stated, however, that he will support Mr. Esserman's nomination, with reservations, to support the Mayor's choice. Rep. Zelinsky also stated that the new deputy police chiefs should come from within the department.

Rep. Drucker stated that she will be voting no for Dean Esserman for both procedural and substantive reasons. Rep. Drucker stated that no employment search, statewide or otherwise, was conducted looking for the best qualified person to become Stamford's Police. Rep. Drucker stated that this fact alone bifurcates the entire system. Rep. Drucker stated that Mr. Esserman will be paid over \$90,000 with minimal police experience. Rep. Drucker also stated that it appears we are in a situation in which there is a mentality of "you scratch my back – I'll scratch your back," and that the City is being used for some people's own political gain. Rep. Drucker stated that for this position, the use of this type of politicking makes her very nervous. Further, Rep. Drucker stated that a message is being sent to the rank-and-file and the citizens of Stamford that there is no one on the police force qualified for advancement. Rep. Drucker stated that if this is true, there is a fundamental training problem that should be clearly identified and rectified; if it is not true, the Board is owed an explanation as to why no one within the department was promoted. Rep. Drucker requested a machine voted and stated that she would be providing a written minority opinion to be attached to the minutes. (Said minority opinion is attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by machine vote, Mr. Esserman was approved for chief of police.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the residency requirement was waived for a period of six months.

3. [A25.008](#)

E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission

Thomas Pia (R)
18 Windell Place
Stamford, CT 06906
Term Expires: 12/01/00

Rep. J. Pavia

**APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**

12/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

4. [A25.009](#) Environmental Protection Board **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Louis Levine (R) Reappoint.
121 Dannell Drive
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/00
12/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

5. [A25.010](#) Golf Authority **APPROVED BY
VOICE VOTE
(Rep. Drucker
opposed)**
William McManus (R) Rep. J. Marrucco
37 Chester Street
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/01
12/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

A motion appointment Mr. McManus to the Golf Authority was made and seconded.

Rep. Drucker stated that in 1995 the Republican Town Committee decided not to reward Republican individuals who publicly endorsed the Democratic mayoral candidate. At that time, Mr. McManus sat on the Board of Finance as a Republican and he did publicly endorse the Democratic mayoral candidate. In keeping with the RTC's original decision, Rep. Drucker stated that she would be voting no on Mr. McManus' appointment.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, Mr. McManus was appointed to the Golf Authority (Rep. Drucker opposed).

6. [A25.012](#) Personnel Commission **APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA**
Kathleen Swanson-Lombardo (R) Rep. M. Teichman
65 Hickory Road
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 12/01/99
12/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

7. [A25.014](#) Social Services Commission **HELD IN
COMMITTEE**
Stephen Chizmadia (R) Reappoint.
125 Sundance Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/00
12/18/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Chairman Esposito stated that Mr. Chizmadia did not appear for his interview and that no action was taken on his appointment.

DeLuca stated that the precedent of appointing lawyers, people involved in construction and real estate has already been established.

Rep. Loglisci stated that Mr. Aivalis went before the RTC and was asked if he saw any conflict and he assured that he would recuse himself if there was every a conflict; further, Mr. Aivalis appeared before the Mayor who found him acceptable; and he appeared before the Appointments Committee, who approved him unanimously.

Rep. Esposito stated that the Committee questioned Mr. Aivalis on these issues. Mr. Aivalis told the Committee he had served on the Planning Board as an alternate for three years, and that whenever an occasion arose where there might be a conflict of interest, he dismissed himself from any discussion and vote on the matter. Mr. Aivalis also pledged to the Committee that he would do the same in this position and that he satisfied the Committee that he was an ethical person who would appropriately recuse himself, if necessary.

Rep. Shapiro stated that he agrees with Mr. White and feels there is an inherent conflict of issue on almost every issue, regardless of his personal integrity.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Aivalis was approved by voice vote, with Reps. White and Shapiro opposed.

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| 13. A25.020 | <u>Commission on Aging</u>
Blanche Sumpter (D)
101 Main Street #509
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/01/00
01/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | Reappoint. | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 14. A25.021 | <u>Environmental Protection Board</u>
Dr. Paul Weinstein (D)
397 Pepper Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/00
01/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | Reappoint. | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 15. A25.022 | <u>Planning Board Alternate</u>
Timothy M. Abbazia (D) Rep. H. Parson
31 Park Street
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/01/99
01/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy | | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |
| 16. A25.023 | <u>Traffic Hearing Officer</u>
Ralph Serafino, Jr. (D)
40 Mitchell Street | Reappoint. | APPROVED ON
CONSENT
AGENDA |

Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 12/01/99
01/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

17. [A25.024](#) Urban Redevelopment Commission **APPROVED ON**
Eric M. Wormser (D) Reappoint. **CONSENT**
66 Doral Farm Road **AGENDA**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 08/07/02
01/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

18. A25.025 Stamford Golf Authority **APPROVED ON**
Mark Diamond (D) Repl. R. Deluca **CONSENT**
24 West Trail **AGENDA**
Stamford, CT 06903
Term Expires: 01/01/99
1/12/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the Consent Agenda, consisting of Item Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL COMMITTEE David Martin, Chair
([Report](#)) Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair
Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Martin reported that the Fiscal Committee met on Tuesday, January 20, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Martin, Giordano, Fox, Nanos, Owens, Sherer, Mellis and Loglisci.

1. [F25.017](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**
\$300.00 Recreation Services - Youth Programs; Activity No. 2534; **CONSENT**
Ref. No. 01425364904; portion of a \$500 donation from **AGENDA**
the Southern League of Professional Baseball Clubs to be
used for recreational supplies.
12/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

2. [F25.018](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**
\$200.00 Recreation Services - Youth Programs; Activity No. 2534; **CONSENT**
Ref. No. 01425364904; portion of a \$500 donation from **AGENDA**
the Southern League of Professional Baseball Clubs to be
used for seasonal pay.
12/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

3. [F25.020](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**
\$5,000.00 Mayor's Office, Office Expense; Ref. No. 01450106100; **CONSENT**
represents \$5,000 donation from Clairol for use in the **AGENDA**
Mayor's Second Annual Holiday Greeting Card Contest.
12/30/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Administration & Technology

Concur

4. [F25.021](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED ON**
\$3,261.00 Operations, Park Maintenance Overtime; Activity No. **CONSENT**
2134; Ref. No. 01421341301; represents funds received **AGENDA**
from the Ox Ridge Kennel Club and Michael Bolton
Foundation for overtime reimbursement.
12/31/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

5. [F25.022](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED BY**
\$198,000.00 Operations; Parking Facilities, Contracted Services; **UNANIMOUS**
Activity No. 2132; Ref. No. 01421323601; payment to **VOICE VOTE**
Propark Inc. to manage the City's parking facilities;
Propark to reimburse City all parking fees received with a
net revenue to the City estimated at \$300,000.
12/31/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Operations

Waived

Rep. Martin stated that in prior years the subcontractor that managed both the Bell Street and Bedford Street garages received all revenue from the site. This year, with revenues growing and with the City having a better understanding of how to collect and control that revenue, the City changed the contract and will now receive the revenue from the garage and will pay the manager to oversee the garage as a separate item. ProPark was selected from a RFP. The City will save approximately \$100,000 this year. Rep. Martin also stated the Committee expressed its disappointment that the contractor had begun working prior to the contract being drawn up and approved by the Board.

Rep. Fedeli asked why this item was not included in the budget. Rep. Martin stated that the earlier contracts had no costs to the City.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the contract was approved.

6. [F25.023](#) APPROVAL; Bond refinancing of 1986 bond issue; **APPROVED ON**
refinancing projected to save \$370,000 in interest **CONSENT**
01/06/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **AGENDA**
01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

Chairman Martin stated that the bond refinancing has been increased to provide a savings of \$1.5 million. Mr. Martin also thanked Mr. Hamilton and the Mayor for pursuing this complicated issue. Mr. Martin stated that the City had this opportunity several years ago and did not pursue it. He further stated that Mr. Hamilton has worked diligently and this is a great benefit to the City.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
[\(Report\)](#)

Maria Nakian, Chair
William MacInnis, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, January 26, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Nakian reported that the Legislative & Rules Committee met on Monday, January 26, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., with Committee Members Nakian, Gasparrini, Mitchell, Skigen, Spandow and Fedeli present. Reps. Drucker, MacInnis and Lasko were excused. Also present was Rep. O'Neill; Thomas Cassone, Esq., Corporation Counsel, and the members of the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee.

1. [LR25.004](#) **RESOLUTION**; authorizing the purchase of the **APPROVED BY**
UCONN property for the amount of \$2 million. **UNANIMOUS**
12/20/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **VOICE VOTE**
01/07/98 - Approved by Planning Board
01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

Rep. Nakian stated that this is a 34 acre parcel of land. It is a negotiated price because of a disagreement between the City and the State as to what the original agreement meant, it was agreed that the property would be purchased based upon three appraisals. The appraisals came in between \$3.0 and \$3.6 million, and then the State and the City negotiated it to \$2 million. This price reflects the land being returned to the City and the City paying for the two buildings and the improvements to the parking lots.

Rep. Nakian stated the land would be used for open space, some may be set aside for the Stamford Public School System; some may be used for short-term leasing; some may be used to provide a river walk connecting the Scofieldtown Park along the Poorhouse Brook to the Stamford Museum. Other possibilities include selling off six acres for residential development. The Committee voted 6-0-0. Rep. Nakian moved the item. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci asked whether there is toxic materials on the site, whether removal will be required, and who will be responsible to pay for such removal. Rep. Nakian stated that Mr. Cassone had a remedial investigation of the property performed, and there is asbestos in the buildings, which will have to be remediated for any use of that building. Rep. Loglisci stated that we are paying \$2 million, but it may end up costing significantly more.

Rep. Nakian stated that the costs cannot be determined until the use of the building is determined. Once the use of the building is determined, the City would be responsible for bringing the buildings up to code. Rep. Nakian stated that it could be expensive and that she believes this is one of the reasons the Board of Education decided not to use this building. Rep. Nakian thought it might cost \$20 million to bring the building into compliance for the Board of Education.

Rep. Loglisci stated that even if the buildings were not used and were torn down, the asbestos would still have to be removed. So, in essence, the \$2 million may only be a fraction of what this will cost the City. Rep. Nakian stated that if the building is to be used, there will be additional expenses involved. Rep. Nakian stated, however, there is very little open space available, and she believes that it is a good opportunity to purchase open space.

Rep. Nakian stated that any use of this property will have to come back before the Boards and at that time. Rep. Loglisci asked whether the item could be held while answers to what the final cost to the taxpayers will ultimately be.

Rep. Nakian stated that she does not believe final costs can be ascertained at this time because the intended use of the building is unknown. Rep. Loglisci stated he did not believe that is a valid position. Rep. Nakian stated it is a valid point in that the costs to renovate the building for school use is going to be significantly higher than if it was renovated to be used as office space.

Rep. Nakian agreed with Rep. Loglisci that there are going to be additional costs involved, but she stated the only alternative is not buying the property. Rep. Nakian stated that in the long run this would be a foolish decision. Rep. Loglisci stated he is definitely in favor of buying the land, but he believes the Board must have an idea of what it is going to cost.

Rep. Sherer stated he was in favor of this item. Rep. Sherer expressed concern over the potential sale of six acres vis-a-vis the way things are handled from the administration down to this Board. Rep. Sherer stated that typically by the time items come before our Board for approval, they are at the stage where the Board cannot undue them, despite the right to do so. Rep. Sherer stated that by the time a contract for sale comes down, it is a done deal, the closing is scheduled and representatives are told in committee that if it is not approved the deal will fall through. Rep. Sherer stated that basically all the Board does is rubber-stamp these transfers of land. Rep. Sherer added that he usually doesn't mind if it is property that the City has been trying to sell for years, but this matter could

travel very quickly out of the Board's hands. Rep. Sherer moved to attach a condition to the approval that the City is not authorized to negotiate the sale of any of the property until they first come to the Board of Representatives for approval to offer the property.

President Domonkos stated there is a motion on the floor to approve this contract. Rep. Sherer moved to amend it to say that no part of that property will be put on the market and offered for sale without first consulting the Board of Representatives.

Rep. Alswanger clarified with the president that sales of land have to go before the Planning Board, the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives prior to sale. Rep. Sherer stated that the president's answer is a "glib" one. President Domonkos stated it is a factual answer that before the City can sell land, it has to be approved by three boards. Rep. Sherer stated that he understood the answer, but he interpreted Rep. Alswanger's question to infer that this Board would have to approve any land sale because by the time it reaches our Board it is a done deal. Rep. Sherer stated that this Board has never rejected any of these submissions. Rep. Sherer stated his motion is to put a condition requiring the City to consult with the Board of Representatives prior to putting the property on the market.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that he takes offense with the statement, "that it is a done deal before it comes to the Board of Representatives." He stated that he has more respect for the ladies and gentlemen on this Board and believes if they don't like something, they would vote against it. Rep. Boccuzzi does not believe this Board should be considered a "rubber stamp." Rep. Boccuzzi also stated that in this situation we are not selling property, we are obtaining property. Rep. Boccuzzi stated he felt it was best to buy the property, and then depending on the use, then the Board will learn the costs involved and make a decision at that time. Rep. Boccuzzi posed the hypothetical situation where if the City decides to lease the building, it can then have the option of requiring the lessee to perform any clean up of the building necessary. Rep. Boccuzzi stated that if the Board wants open space, it should go ahead and approve the purchase of this property. Rep. Boccuzzi summed up by saying that he does not look at anything as a "done deal" when it comes to this Board, that he looks at the facts as put before this Board, and then decides how he will vote.

Rep. DeLuca stated he sees nothing wrong with Rep. Sherer's motion. He stated it is merely a safeguard. Further, he stated that he disagrees with the statement that "nothing is a done deal." Rep. DeLuca referenced the Orifici contract approved at the January meeting, where the contract was in effect several months before this Board approved it, adding that if that wasn't a "done deal," nothing is. President Domonkos stated that Rep. DeLuca was straying from the subject and that the item on the floor is the resolution approving the purchase of the UCONN property. Rep. DeLuca stated that he supports Rep. Sherer's motion.

Rep. Nakian stated that this is one parcel of land and that if the City has any plans to sell off any of it, the land would first have to be subdivided. This would entail going through the Planning Board, which in turn would give the Board advance notice. She added that

this is something that cannot appear on anyone's desk as a "done deal." President Domonkos stated that she sits on the Open Space Committee, and this Committee has been given the charge to oversee what the use of this land will be. President Domonkos promised the representatives that she would keep the Board apprised of any activities relating to the UCONN property.

Rep. Sherer stated that he is comfortable with the president's comments regarding the Open Space Committee and withdrew his motion.

Rep. Loglisci reiterated his position that the Board is representing to the citizens of Stamford that it is purchasing this property for \$2 million, and that no one is presenting to the citizens (and he is uncertain if it will be seen in tomorrow's paper) that the Board is committing \$2 million to buy the land but that the Board may in fact be committing itself to spending \$20 million with of expenses over the next few years. Rep. Loglisci stated that Mr. Boccuzzi's proposal to lease the property and expect the tenant to spend millions of dollars for removal seems impossible. Rep. Loglisci asked the Chair whether holding this item for one month would endanger the sale.

Rep. Nakian stated she did not know the answer to this question. Rep. Nakian also stated that her reference to \$20 million referred to bringing the buildings up the standards of a middle school, including building a gymnasium and other types of school facilities. Rep. Nakian stated that she in no way mean that remediation of the building would cost \$20 million.

Rep. Loglisci stated he would vote for the item in that the City should acquire the 34 acres. Rep. Loglisci stated that sometimes the Board does not look into what the total costs are or the long-term effects of its actions, and he is trying to say it is not \$2 million, it is ultimately going to cost a lot more than this. Rep. Loglisci feels the Board should have a better idea of what this is going to cost the City.

Rep. MacInnis moved the question. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the purchase was approved unanimously.

2. LR25.005	REVIEW; Smith House Board of Directors' decision-making authority and the City of Stamford's policy-making authority with regard to the Smith House Nursing Facility. 12/30/97 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13)	REPORT MADE
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Secondary Committee: Housing/Com. Develop./Social Services

Report Made

Rep. Nakian reported that Mr. Cassone attended the meeting and reiterated his opinion, as expressed in his earlier written opinion. This opinion basically states that the State Public

Health Code requires that there be a governing body for the Smith House for licensure. Mr. Cassone does not believe that the this Board has any legislative authority to override the decision-making policy of the Board of Directors. Rep. Nakian stated, however, that because this Board has control over the budget of the Smith House, over the appointments to the Board of Directors, we have the ultimate decision whether to have a Smith House at all, but we have no meaningful role in setting policy regarding the day-to-day operation of the facility. The Committee decided that Mr. Cassone is correct. Rep. Nakian stated that the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee also concurred with this opinion.

Rep. Loglisci asked whether Smith House Board can change the mission statement and lower standards as they desire adding that if the Smith House Board were to make any changes to the mission statement, it would probably be in that direction – i.e., lowering standards. Rep. Nakian stated that no one on the Committee asked whether the Smith House Board of Directors had the ultimate control of lowering the standards. She added that she has to believe that any governing body for the Smith House is not interested in lowering the standards and that they are certainly interested in maintaining high standards. Rep. Loglisci stated that the desire to lower standards exists in that it would lower costs.

Rep. Nakian stated that this item, as it appears on the agenda, never involved cost issues. It is on the agenda because the federal government changed its regulations dealing with Medicare funding and the State now has nursing homes under some type of managed care. This meant that if the Smith House does not have a full complement of patients, they would not be getting enough revenue to run the facility adequately. Rep. Nakian stated there was never any talk of cutting corners or lowering standards to stretch money, but rather discussion only involved keeping the highest number of beds filled. Rep. Nakian stated this prompted our Board to question who had the right to set this type of policy.

Rep. Nakian added that if the Board was unhappy with the way the Smith House was being run, the Board could eliminate the facility, could change management companies or appoint different people to the Board, but it cannot step in and override the day-to-day policies set by the governing body.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

[\(Report\)](#)

Randall Skigen, Chair

Ralph Loglisci, Vice Chair

Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 1998

7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Skigen stated that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, January 28, 1998 in the Democratic Caucus room. The Committee met jointly with the Education Committee on a number of items. Present were Reps. Fedeli, Fortunato, Gasparrini, Loglisci, Owens, Spandow and Skigen. Absent and excused were Reps. Lasko and MacInnis. Also present were Reps. Mellis, Green-Carter, Giordano, Imbrogno, Esposito, Poltrack and Nabel; Director of Human Resources Jim Haselkamp; Labor Specialist Bill Stover; Board of Education Personnel Director Faye Ruotolo; Sarah Arnold; Judith Singer; Rosa Quesado; and Robert King of the Board of Education.

1. [P25.006](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; creating the position of Instructional Media Communications Specialist in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committee: Education

2. [P25.007](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; creating the position of Research Analyst in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committee: Education

3. [P25.008](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; creating the position of Manager of Student Information Services in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committee: Education

4. [P25.009](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; creating the position of Community Resource Facilitator in the Board of Education.
12/10/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Secondary Committee: Education

Rep. Skigen stated that Item Nos. 1 through 4 above were held in committee in order to work on the language of the ordinance and to make sure these positions, if approved, are slotted in to the pay plan into the appropriate place.

5. [P25.011](#) APPROVAL; tentative contract with the Custodian's Union; AFSCME Local 1083.
01/12/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE (Rep. DeLuca opposed)**

Secondary Committee: Education

Concur

Chairman Skigen stated this is a one-year agreement, retroactive to July 1, 1997. It calls for a 2% wage increase, the starting pay has been reduced to \$27,000, and individuals who were on the old pay scale have been slotted onto the new pay matrix. Health coverage is comparable to the other collective bargaining agreements; pension contributions will be paid on a pretax basis and reduced from 4% to 3% from January 1 to June 30 of this year. The Board of Finance recommended approval of the contract by a 4-1 vote. The contract was moved and seconded.

Rep. DeLuca asked if the pay matrix included step increases. Rep. Skigen stated this is a new pay matrix, the starting salary is lower than that in effect in the old contract; the other steps are slightly higher than the old contract. Rep. Skigen stated there was some ambiguity in the old contract resulting from poor draftsmanship which ended up creating a disagreement between the City and the union as to what the starting salary actually is. Rep. Skigen stated that this disagreement would end up in arbitration if it is not resolved in this contract. Rep. Skigen also stated that there is approximately \$100,000 in savings for health insurance, and costs associated with the contract are approximately \$150,000.

Rep. DeLuca stated that with employees living longer and more people retiring, he is concerned that the pension fund will not always be overfunded.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by voice vote, the contract was approved, with Rep. DeLuca opposed.

Suspension of Rules:

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rules were suspended to take up the following item:

6. [P25.012](#) APPROVAL; employment contract with Dean M. Esserman for Chief of Police. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
01/27/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Rep. Skigen stated that the first draft of this agreement was placed on members' desks last Tuesday at the time of the Committee of the Whole meeting. Rep. Skigen stated he understood there was some unhappiness with the contract being disseminated before the Appointments Committee had made its recommendation on Mr. Esserman. The reason the contract was given out was that if Mr. Esserman was approved, as he was earlier this evening, the administration wanted to have a contract to present to Mr. Esserman when he starts his employment tomorrow. Changes were made to the contract by the Personnel Committee, and the final contract is on everyone's desk tonight.

Rep. Skigen enumerated the changes in the contract: Under Section 2A, there was clarification of the language regarding conviction of a crime serious enough to affect the ability of the employee, and it now reads, "the city may terminate the contract because of conviction of a felony crime or conviction of a misdemeanor crime serious enough to affect the ability of the employee." Under Section 6, there was a clarification of the sick time language as the language in the original draft was somewhat unclear as to carry over of time. Under the agreement, as modified, the ten sick days that Mr. Esserman is entitled to, may be carried from one year to the next, however, if he receives extended sick leave of up to 45 days and does not use that time, he cannot carry that over to the following year. Under Section 8, the health and insurance provisions, the original draft provided that Mr. Esserman would be responsible for health insurance contributions to the same extent required of other unclassified employees; it has been changed to reflect that he will pay the same insurance contributions as

MAA employees. Under Section 9C on page 8, a sentence has been added regarding the City's payment of gasoline expenses. The City will not be paying gas if Mr. Esserman uses a city car for personal vacations. In Section 13, Mr. Esserman is given six months to move to Stamford.

Chairman Skigen stated that Rep. Imbrogno had inquired about the time commitment Mr. Esserman's teaching at Yale entailed. Mr. Haselkamp advised Mr. Skigen that it is an average of three to four hours per month. Mr. Haselkamp stated that in the event Mr. Esserman has to teach for a full day, he will use a vacation or personal day. Chairman Skigen stated that the contract also provides that any time he is teaching at Yale, he has to work an equal number of hours as compensatory time for the City. Chairman Skigen moved the agreement. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that under Section 5, Salary, Mr. Esserman is getting \$97,137, which is the very top of his range, and he has never seen anyone get 100% of the range, particularly without extenuating circumstances. Rep. Loglisci also stated that on Page 7, Section 9, Benefits, there is a signing bonus of up to \$10,000 for comparable mortgage differential, closing costs, relocation costs, etc. Rep. Loglisci stated it should be called "a bonus of \$10,000." Finally, Rep. Loglisci stated on Page 8, under Item C, the City shall purchase, maintain, repair and regularly replace the automobile that he is entitled to, he hopes that the car is replaced at lease end, not just when a new model comes out.

Rep. DeLuca stated that there is nothing in the contract regarding merit increases of up to 4.5%, but he did read this in a newspaper article. Does Mr. Esserman receive a 4.5% increase for the life of the contract for five years? Rep. Skigen stated that the newspaper's 4.5% reference is to what the pay plan provided for this year if you were at the top of the merit scale. The Board has not yet seen the proposal for the coming year.

Rep. Zelinsky asked, pertaining to Page 8, Section C, use of city automobile, who would be monitoring this provision to assure that Mr. Esserman complies with it; that is, that the chief would only be using his vehicle for city business around Stamford. Rep. Skigen stated that his contract provides that the Chief has the use of the vehicle during non-work times, and Mr. Esserman's direct supervisor is Director Byrne. Rep. Zelinsky stated that in other words, it would be perfectly all right for Mr. Esserman to fill up the car with gas from the city pump and then go on vacation the next day.

Rep. Zelinsky asked whether Mr. Esserman could drive the city car up to Yale for teaching, or out of state to another university. Rep. Skigen said he could use the vehicle.

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the contract was approved.

7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairman Fox reported that the Land Use Committee met on Thursday, January 29, 1998 in the Democratic Caucus Room. Present were Committee Members Boccuzzi, Fox, Nakian, Shapiro, Sherer and White. Also present was Land Use Chief Robin Stein and Rep. Martin.

1. [LU25.001](#) REVIEW; of existing street-naming ordinance and possible revisions thereto to provide a method for naming city streets.
12/01/97 - Submitted by Reps. Domonkos, Martin, Nakian and Skigen **REPORT MADE**

Chairman Fox stated that the Committee was asked to look at the existing street-naming ordinance after several residents complained about Bud Lane and Konandreas Drive and the procedure followed in the naming of them. Mr. Stein stated that there was a big problem downtown with many buildings using vanity address; i.e., UCONN calling itself University Plaza. Mr. Stein will provide a list next month of these vanity addresses. The Committee is drafting an amendment to the ordinance to tighten up the procedure.

2. [LU25.002](#) APPROVAL; Street Acceptance of River Ridge Court.
12/16/97 - Submitted by Keith A. Russo of the Fieber Group **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

Chairman Fox stated this item was held pending receipt of an approval letter from the City Engineer.

Rep. Gasparini asked who is responsible to name the street, when under development, since it is not clear in the ordinance. Rep. Fox stated that according to Mr. Stein, the developer puts a name on the subdivision map, and if the name sounds OK to the Planning Board, it is approved. There are some restrictions as to names, enumerated in the ordinance. Rep. Fox stated the entire ordinance would be clarified.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

(Report)

Bobby E. Owens, Chair
Patrick J. White, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, January 29, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairman Owens reported the Operations Committee met on January 29, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Committee Members Owens, Corelli, Curtis, Imbrogno, Nabel, Zelinsky, Nanos, White and Martin. Also present were Reps. Giordano and Boccuzzi; Patricia Broom, Director of Operations; and Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer.

1. [O25.002](#) APPROVAL; architectural/engineering services contract with Allan Davis Assoc., Inc. for Cold Spring/Long Ridge Road improvements.
12/19/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy **APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

01/08/98 - Approved by Board of Finance

2. [O25.003](#) APPROVAL; of architectural agreement with Fuller & D'Angelo regarding alterations to Rippowam School. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
01/05/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/98 - Held by Board of Finance

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Suspension of the Rules:

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the rule were suspended to take up the following two items.

3. [O25.004](#) APPROVAL; of engineering services agreement with Frederic R. Harris, Inc. regarding the design of the replacement of the Studio Road Bridge. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
01/15/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, Item No.3, O25.004 was approved.

4. [O25.005](#) APPROVAL; of engineering services agreement with Goodkind & O'Dea, Inc. regarding the design for the replacement of the Buckingham Drive Bridge. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE**
12/19/97 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/08/98 - \$115,909 approved by Board of Finance

Upon motion duly made and seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, Item No.4, O25.005 was approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

[\(Report\)](#)

Alice Fortunato, Chair
Lucy F. Corelli, Vice Chair
Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairwoman Fortunato reported that the Public Safety & Health Committee met on Thursday, January 22, 1998. Present were Reps. Corelli, Green-Carter, O'Neill, Poltrack, Mellis, Ventura and Fortunato. Excused were Reps. Mobilio, DeLuca, Curtis and Skigen. Also in attendance were Marilyn Black-Dussault, Fire Commissioner; Peter Brown, Assistant Fire Chief, Stamford Fire Department; George Summs, Turn of River Fire Department; Mark

Rep. Fedeli moved that the Cove Marina fees be increased by ten percent; said motion was seconded. Rep. Fedeli stated there is no waiting list at Cove, but she is unsure if there are vacant slips. Rep. Martin questioned whether she is moving a 10% increase over the proposed increase. Rep. Fedeli stated that the City had proposed increasing Cove's fees by 10%, and the Committee concurred with the City's recommendation.

President Domonkos clarified that there was in fact no change to the Cove Marina fees. Rep. Fedeli stated that Cove would stay the same as what was submitted. Rep. Fedeli clarified the prior vote on Czescik, stating that the City had submitted a 20% increase, and the Committee recommended only a 10% increase.

Rep. Fedeli stated that the City proposed increasing Czescik's fees by 20%, Cove's Fees by 10% and Cummings fees by 5%. The Committee recommended decreasing the proposed increase at Czescik by increasing the fees by only 10%.

The President conferred with Rep. Martin, Parliamentarian, who stated that the first amendment vote was posited incorrectly. Rep. Martin recommended that the vote be retaken. Rep. Sherer indicated that there should be a motion to reconsider. The President asked Rep. Fedeli to restate the Czescik Marina fees and the amendment. Rep. Fedeli stated that the Office of Operations proposed that the Czescik fees be increased by 20%. The Parks & Recreation Committee voted to only increase it by 10%, or decreasing the proposed increase by 10%.

Rep. Martin stated that since Czescik is the best marina and has waiting lists, he is opposed to the amendment. Said amendment was approved by voice vote, with Reps. Skigen and Martin opposed.

Rep. Fedeli stated that the City proposed increasing Cummings by 5%. Rep. Fedeli stated that three years ago there were promises of some minor repairs to the marina which have not been done. This marina is the one that receives the least amount of work and needs significant repair. There is no lighting and limited water. The Committee therefore recommended that the fees remain the same. Rep. Fedeli moved not increasing these fees; said motion was seconded. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Fedeli stated that the senior citizen discount is the same; the winter storage for boats has been increased; and the marina penalties increased from \$50 to \$100 per week. She further reported that there are some new permits: a fee will be charged for commercial use of the boat ramps; a short-term vending permit in the park of \$75 per day be added, and the Committee amended the recommendations to eliminate this permit. Rep. Fedeli stated that this was for sellers of balloons, pins, etc. on holidays. The City proposed that anyone who wants to do this would have to obtain a \$75 per day permit. The Committee voted to remove that permit from the fees, and Rep. Fedeli moved the item; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Martin stated that an ordinance already provides for the need for a license for these sellers. He asked for the rationale for eliminating this fee. Rep. Fedeli stated that the Committee did not want to promote an excessive number of vendors in the parks on holidays by highlighting this fee.

Rep. Poltrack stated that the only existing permit is a \$500 seasonal permit fee. The City wanted to offer a one-day permit for \$75.

Rep. White confirmed that there is a \$500 fee and that the administration was proposing a special one-day permit, and the Committee felt that this would open our beaches and parks up to outsiders on certain days and that it would be unfair to those who buy season permits.

Rep. Boccuzzi expressed concern about people coming in for one day without any permit whatsoever, and that only offering a \$500 permit would encourage people to get no permit at all.

Rep. Spandow stated that she believes that if you don't have the \$500 permit, you cannot go and sell anything on the beach, and that what we are saying is that if you don't have the \$500 annual permit, you cannot sale your wares in the park.

Rep. Martin said that the Committee was correct in removing the fee because the \$500 fee has nothing to do with the parks – it is a city ordinance. Ms. Mellis moved to return this one item back to Committee. Said motion was seconded. Rep. Martin stated that he believed it would be better to handle the matter of creating a new one-day permit in the Steering Committee as a new request.

Rep. Summerville stated that this matter was discussed in great detail and that the Committee was very comfortable with its decision; she further stated she saw no reason to return it to Committee in that there is nothing more to discuss on this matter as it had been thoroughly reviewed already. Further, Ms. Summerville stated that the Office of Operations needs to have these fees resolved so they can prepare for the spring and summer.

Rep. Fox stated he agreed with Rep. Summerville that this matter should be resolved now. He stated that his recollection is that the City has an annual \$500 permit fee and that vendors complain about having to pay \$500 for a one-day event. The City then designed this \$75 fee for one day. The Committee voted 5-4 against this recommendation, and now the only question is does the full Board want this one day fee.

Rep. Nakian stated that if there is an ordinance that for provides for a yearly permit and a fee of \$500, a vote on a park fee is not going to change the ordinance. Further, she agrees with the Parks & Recreation Committee's decision in not having this fee and believes there are many reasons why it is unwise to have a one-day fee. Regardless of whether the Board wants the fee or not, Rep. Nakian stated that this is not the proper procedure to put it in place. Rep. Nakian recommended the Board follow the recommendation of the

Committee and vote it down, and thereafter take up a whole new item, i.e., the feasibility of creating a special one-day fee, whether city-wide or just in the parks. In summary, Rep. Nakian stated there are two separate issues because you cannot amend the ordinance to include a park fee in this manner.

Rep. Mellis withdrew her motion. President Domonkos restated the original motion which was to withdraw this item from the fees schedule. Mr. Gasparrini concurred with Rep. Nakian after reviewing the ordinance in the Code. Said motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Rep. Fedeli moved the parks and recreation fees as amended; said motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

2. [PR25.003](#) APPROVAL; of License and Operating Agreement with Stamford Golf Centre, LLC for Rosa Hartman Park.. **HELD IN COMMITTEE**
01/05/98 - Submitted by Mayor Dannel P. Malloy
01/00/98 - To be considered by Planning Board
02/11/98 - To be considered by Board of Finance

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Ellen Mellis, Chair

(Report)

Philip Giordano, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 1998
7:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Personnel Committee)

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, January 28, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Committee Members Esposito, Green-Carter, Imbrogno, Poltrack, Nabel, Giordano and Mellis. Rep. Ventura was excused.

1. E25.001 REVIEW; of goals and mission for the Education Committee **REPORT MADE**
12/30/97 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13)

Rep. Mellis stated that a report was on each representative's desk.

President Domonkos has asked each committee to set its goals and objectives and after doing so, the board will meet as a whole and discuss goals as a group.

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Jeffrey Curtis, Chair

Joseph Gasparrini, Vice Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 1998
6:30 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Chairman Curtis reported that the Urban Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, January 28, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Committee Members Gasparrini, Gaztambide,

Moblio, Nakian, Summerville and Curtis; also present were Bruce Goldberg, Esq., and Edward V. Steinberg of the URC.

1. UR25.001 APPROVAL; for final adoption; of URC Resolution No. **APPROVED BY**
419, approving Urban Renewal Plan Modification 97-1 **UNANIMOUS**
relating to the purchase of the property known as 21 Broad **VOICE VOTE**
Street.
12/02/97 - Submitted by Edward Steinberg,
Executive Director, URC

Rep. Curtis stated a public hearing was hold on January 28, 1998 regarding Item No. 1, UR25-001, and the Committee voted 6-0-0 for approval. Rep. Curtis moved the item, said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**
[Report](#) Elaine Mitchell, Chair
Rachel Drucker, Vice Chair
Meeting: Monday, January 26, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room
(in conjunction with Legislative & Rules)

Rep. Drucker reported the Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met on Monday, January 26, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Rep. Drucker stated a report is on everyone's desk.

1. HCD25.003 REVIEW; State social welfare changes and impact on **REPORT**
Stamford families no longer receiving financial assistance. **MADE**
12/30/97 - Submitted by Rep. Mellis (D-13)
2. [HCD25.002](#) Setting of the Year 24 Schedule for the Community **REPORT**
Development planning and budgeting process for the Year **MADE**
beginning July 1, 1998
12/02/97 - Submitted by Timothy Beeble, Director,
Community Development

Rep. Drucker stated that there will be a public hearing on Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 5:30 regarding Year 24 scheduling.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Gabe DeLuca, Chair
Peter C. Nanos, Vice Chair

No report.

**ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE** Gloria DePina, Co-Chair
Paul Ventura, Co-Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 1998

7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Mellis reported that the Administrative & Technology Committee met on Wednesday, January 21, 1998. A written report has been provided with a list of members in attendance.

1. AT25.001 REVIEW; accounting method for \$750 per term postage allowance for representatives. **REPORT
MADE**
12/30/97 - Submitted by President Domonkos and Clerk of the Board Summerville

Rep. Mellis reported that a written recommendation will be forthcoming on Item No. AT25.001 above.

HOUSE COMMITTEE Annie M. Summerville, Chair

No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE - OLD TOWN HALL Maria Nakian, Chair
Meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 1998
7:00 p.m. - Democratic Caucus Room

Rep. Nakian reported that the Old Town Hall Special Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 1998 with Reps. Nakian, Boccuzzi, Mellis, O'Neill, Shapiro, Sherer and Spandow present.

1. REVIEW; use of municipal buildings for community purposes in other municipalities. **REPORT
MADE**
12/30/97 - Submitted by President Domonkos and Clerk of the Board Summerville

Rep. Nakian reported that the Committee is looking at buildings in Greenwich, Norwalk, New Canaan, Darien, Ridgefield and Danbury, all of whom who have town halls or historic buildings they are using for community purposes. The purpose of these site visits is to find out how the buildings are run, how they are put together, what the budget is, etc. Rep. Nakian also stated that the Committee is meeting again on Wednesday, February 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. The Committee hopes to make recommendations next month.

RESOLUTIONS

MINUTES

1. [December 8, 1997 Regular Meeting](#) **APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

2. [January 5, 1998 Regular Meeting](#)

**APPROVED BY
UNANIMOUS
VOICE VOTE**

COMMUNICATIONS

1. 1. President Domonkos noted that the farewell luncheon for Chief Tully will be held on February 3, 1998 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
2. 2. President Domonkos stated that the Planning Board's public hearing on the capital budget will be held on February 3, 1998.
3. 3. President Domonkos stated that the Community Development Block Grant public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 5:30 p.m.
4. 4. President Domonkos stated that the swearing-in ceremony for the new police chief will be held on February 3, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Office.
5. 5. Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville stated that stationary has been ordered for all representatives and that about one-half of the members were given their stationary this evening; the other half of the Board will receive their stationary next week.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT After motion duly made and seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

*The proceedings are available on audio tape at the
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